

MEDIA ADVISORY: Health Insurance Marketplace Kickoff Press Conference

WHAT: Governor John Carney and DHSS Secretary Dr. Kara Odom Walker will be joined by Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro, Westside Family Healthcare President/CEO Lolita Lopez and others for a kickoff event for the fifth year of Delaware's Health Insurance Marketplace. The press conference also will feature an enrollee on Delaware's Health Insurance Marketplace. Open enrollment, through HealthCare.gov, begins Nov. 1 and runs through Dec. 15. About 27,000 Delawareans are getting health insurance through the marketplace in 2017, with about 80 percent receiving financial assistance to help pay their monthly premiums. Individuals who don't enroll may face a \$695 penalty per adult (\$347.50 for each child younger than 18) or 2.5 percent of their annual household income, whichever is higher. Navigators, assisters, and insurance agents and brokers are all authorized to assist with enrollments at no cost. For more information on Delaware's marketplace, go to www.ChooseHealthDE.com.

WHEN: 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1

WHERE: Westside Family Healthcare's Northeast Health Center, 908-B E. 16th St., Wilmington

WHO: Governor John Carney

Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro

DHSS Secretary Dr. Kara Odom Walker

Westside Family Healthcare President/CEO Lolita Lopez

Maria Cabrera, federal navigator with Chatman LLC

Enrollee on Delaware's Health Insurance Marketplace

DETAILS: For more on Delaware's Health Insurance Marketplace, go to www.ChooseHealthDE.com. To compare plans now and to enroll starting Nov. 1, go to HealthCare.gov.

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